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S E C R E T BAGHDAD 0115

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, IB

SUBJECT: RUMORED UNREST IN IRAQI ARMY

REF: (A) STATE 021347, (B) BAGHDAD 112

1. USINT LOCAL EMPLOYEE WHO LIVES ON PREMISES AND WHO HAD NOT YET RETIRED FOR NIGHT REPORTS SOUND OF MACHINE GUNS FROM 0145 UNTIL 0200 WEDNESDAY 28. FROM DIRECTION OF MAJOR MILITARY CENTER AT CAMP RASHID ABOUT 1 MILE FROM USINT.

2. SEVERAL RUMORS CIRCULATING: (A) A COMMUNIST SOLDIER WAS HANGED RECENTLY AND TROOPS ARE IN UGLY MOOD; (B) THIRTEEN OFFICERS HAVE BEEN SUMMARILY RETIRED (VERSION BRITISH AMBASSADOR HEARD INVOLVED 22 OFFICERS); (C) IRAQI ARMY ON FULL ALERT; (D) ACCESS TO CAMP RASHID HAS BEEN BLOCKED DURING DAY LIGHT HOURS JANUARY 27 THROUGH 29; (E) SADDAM HUSSEIN AND BAKER HAVE BEEN MAKING DAILY VISITS TO CAMP RASHID.

3. AFTER RECEIPT OF GARBLED TELEPHONE CALL MENTIONED REF B, I CALLED ON BRITISH AMBASSADOR JOHN GRAHAM WHOSE INFORMATION WAS ESSENTIALLY FRAGMENTARY AND NO BETTER THAN USINTS. HE REGARDED SITUATION AS SOMEWHAT MORE TENSE THAN USUAL AND POTENTIALLY DISTURBING BUT HAD NO HYPOTHESIS TO OFFER. HE REGARDED SITUATION AS SOMEWHAT MORE TENSE THAN USUAL BRITISH MILATT

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(LTC JOHN SANDERS) CURRENTLY IN BASRA AT INVITATION COMMANDER

IRAQI NAVY.)

4. COMMENT: WHATEVER PROBLEM IS, CAMP RASHID SEEMS TO BE  
FOCAL POINT. ALL SHOPS, OFFICERS AND MINISTRIES OPEN AS USUAL.  
LARGER THAN USUAL NUMBER OF POLICE ON MAIN ARTERIES BUT NO  
MORE THAN WOULD BE NORMAL FOR EXAMPLE FOR VIP FOREIGN VISITORS.  
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